

## **Advisory Committee on Trees – December 12, 2019**

Call to order 7:05PM

Present: Brian Townsend (staff liaison and Assistant Director Public Works and Parks), Charles Jackman (chair), Ethel Dutky (recorder), Robert Trumbule (member).

October ACT minutes were approved with corrections.

### **Old Business**

#### **1 – Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Tree**

The Greenbelt Museum expressed interest in working with ACT on the location for a memorial tree in the area adjacent to the Library and the Community Center. ACT plans to visit the site of the dead memorial trees, and to meet with the Greenbelt Museum in January. ACT will send a detailed proposal to City Council for their approval. ACT favors the American Holly 'Satyr Hill' introduced by McClain Nursery in Baltimore. This holly was the Holly Society's "2003 Holly of the Year".

#### **2 – PEPCO tree trimming and tree removals.**

PEPCO has completed trimming and tree removals in Greenbelt. Planting replacement trees will be done in spring 2020.

### **New Business**

#### **1 – Bureau of Engraving and Printing in BARC.**

Charles attended an information meeting on this project. The plan aims to preserve as many trees as possible. The forested areas will provide a buffer area around the facility.

#### **2 – New path in Schrom Hills Park**

Brian reported that a new path is planned to connect the Schrom Allee with a water feature (a pond) called Greenbrook Lake. The path will be 5 feet wide. It will have a fabric matting base and a wood chip surface. We had an active discussion about the pros and cons of landscape fabric. A stream restoration project is also planned for this area.

Next ACT meeting will be Jan 21 at 7 PM at Public Works.

Adjourn at 8:55PM

Submitted by Ethel Dutky